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FIVE-TIME CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

TUCSON – Lewis Phillip Jetty, 48, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced here today to 30 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata. Jetty had pleaded guilty on August 1, 2006 to the charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On May 19, 2006, a National Parks Service officer was driving behind a pickup truck that Jetty was driving in the Saguaro National Park when Jetty spontaneously stopped the truck. Jetty got out and began to walk back towards the law enforcement vehicle, stating that he thought the officer wanted to talk to him. During the subsequent interaction, it was discovered that Jetty had a loaded firearm in the vehicle with him: a Sig Sauer P220, .45 caliber pistol. This firearm was not manufactured in Arizona. Further investigation indicated that this firearm had been reported stolen in 2004, and that Jetty had thereafter found the weapon in the garbage. Jetty admitted being a convicted felon, and record checks indicate a total of five prior felony convictions: Theft by Controlling Property (1989), Criminal Damage (1993), Unlawful Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Cocaine) (1997), Forgery (1997), and Forgery and Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prohibited Possessor (2002).

The investigation in this case was jointly conducted by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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